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TO: Parties Interested In Invitation for Bid (IFB) for Bat Gate/ Foam Closure Services (OMR2007-001)

FROM: Cy R. Oggins, Manager, Abandoned Mine Lands Unit
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SUBJECT: **RESPONSES TO QUESTION ABOUT IFB No. OMR2007-001**

This memo provides responses to questions received by the Abandoned Mine Lands Unit (AMLU) regarding the AMLU Invitation for Bids (IFB) entitled "OMR2007-001 Bat Gating/Foam Closure Services" (May 18, 2007). The IFB is available on the Internet at www.consrv.ca.gov/OMR/abandoned_mine_land/2007_AMLUIFB.pdf.

For questions about this IFB please contact either:

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As a reminder, the deadline for submission of bids is Friday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m.

- Question 1.** We are interested in the IFP for the Bat Gating/Foam Closure Services, but we would like to know where the mine sites are before we decide to place a bid.

Response. The Department of Conservation estimates that there are more than 165,000 abandoned mine features (a single adit, shaft, building, prospect, etc.) on approximately 47,000 abandoned mine sites throughout California (see map at www.consrv.ca.gov/OMR/abandoned_mine_land/2006-12_StateAMLQuad.pdf). Abandoned mine features that would be closed pursuant to this bid are located on public lands (e.g., Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, State, etc.). Exact sites to be remediated are determined on a case-by-case basis, in coordination with the landowning agency, and following completion of the necessary environmental review(s). Examples of closures conducted to date can be found at www.consrv.ca.gov/OMR/abandoned_mine_land/Contracts/index1.htm, www.consrv.ca.gov/OMR/abandoned_mine_land/Contracts/index.htm, and www.consrv.ca.gov/OMR/abandoned_mine_land/2007AMLUFactSheet2_052007.pdf.

When bidding on this contract, each sample bid has a location preference that can be selected based on where you are willing to travel. Mark the statewide preference if you are willing to travel to any site within the state to perform these services. If you would like to limit your travels to "Northern California" or "Southern California" abandoned mine sites, then mark the appropriate box. If you would like to further limit

your travels to smaller regions within the state, please mark the "Other" box and specify the region that you would be willing to perform these services. Please note, as stated in the sample project bids, all travel is limited to current State travel rates (Lodging = \$84.00+tax, Mileage = \$0.48/mile).

2. **Question 2.** In the Sample Culvert Bat Gate Project, what gauge of culvert should be used?

Response. In the Sample Culvert Gate Project please use a 16 gauge culvert for estimating material costs.

3. **Question 3.** The way the "Sample Culvert Bat Gate Project" is currently written (48" culvert with 8 foot length), it would be very difficult to get the culvert 300 feet up the 30-degree slope to the feature. How can we standardize the cost of this task?

Response. At the time of the bid preparation, staff did not consider the weight involved with transporting the culvert 300 feet up a 30-degree slope. For the purpose of the "Sample Culvert Bat Gate" please ignore the slope specification and assume that you can drive a 4-wheel-drive vehicle directly to the feature to install the culvert.

4. **Question 4.** In the "Sample Culvert Bat Gate Project" you ask for a padlock to be installed, but the diagram shows two McGard bolts. Which should I use in my bid?

Response. The use of McGard bolts versus padlocks is dependent on the land management's preference. However, for the purpose of this bid, assume that you will use two McGard bolts as the locking mechanism on the removable bar.